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SUBJECT: STATE 13 MAY PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY
PRESS BRIEFING OF 13 MAY FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: THERE WAS A REPORT THIS MORNING THAT THE UNITED STATES
HAS SOME PLANS WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA -- TO TAKE A
NUMBER OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD CHANGE U.S. POLICY
TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS REPORT?

A: I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO THESE STORIES COMING OUT
OF ABIDJAN, ARE YOU NOT? I'M NOT INFORMED ON WHAT MAY OR
MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN, AND I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND I WOULDN'T
BE DISCUSSING THAT KIND OF INTERNAL GIVE-AND-TAKE DIS-
CUSSION. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NO U.S. GOVERNMENT
POLICY HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE TAKING OF SUCH, QUOTE,
"PUNITIVE MEASURES," UNQUOTE, AS REPORTED IN THE NEWS-
PAPER ARTICLE. BUT I THINK THE MAIN POINT IS THAT WE ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO A POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF
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VIEWS IN VIENNA BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER; AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY THE IMPORTANT

THING TO NOTE WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

Q: ARE YOU AWARE OF A BRIEFING THAT WAS GIVEN THIS
MORNING IN PREPARATION FOR THE MONDALE TRIP WHICH GAVE

RATHER A STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE STORIES COMING OUT OF ABIDJAN WERE ACCURATE -- NOT IN THE DEGREE OF DETAIL THAT APPEARED IN THOSE STORIES, BUT, RATHER, THAT THERE IS AN INTENTION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO PUT A DEGREE OF PERSUASION UPON THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO CHANGE THEIR INTERNAL POLICIES?

A: I WASN'T PRESENT AT THE BRIEFING, AND I DON'T HAVE A READOUT FROM IT. IT WAS JUST RECENTLY CONCLUDED, I BELIEVE. IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, I WAS AWARE OF

THE BRIEFING BUT NOT WHAT WENT ON IN IT.
CHRISTOPHER

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